

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS  
21 March, 1973

Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission of Fine Arts offices  
at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present:                   Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman  
                                  Hon. Nicolas Arroyo  
                                  Hon. Jane Dart  
                                  Hon. Kevin Roche  
                                  Hon. Edward D. Stone, Jr.  
                                  Hon. George Weymouth

Staff Present:                   Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary  
                                  Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary  
                                  Mr. Jeffrey Carson  
                                  Mr. J.L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.  
                                  Mrs. Nancy Lusher  
                                  Miss Lynda Smith

National Capital Planning  
Commission Staff Present:       Mr. David McKinnon

I.   ADMINISTRATION

A.   Dates of the Next Meetings were set at 18 April, 1973,  
and 16 May, 1973. Both dates are regular Wednesdays.

B.   Minutes of the February Meeting, Approved.

C.   Report on FY 1974 Budget Hearings. The Secretary reported  
that he, the Chairman, and the Assistant Secretary had appeared before  
both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for an annual  
budget of \$144,000. Though the hearings went well, exact reports  
on the approval were yet forthcoming. The Chairman told the Commis-  
sion of how the Chairman of the House Committee, Mrs. Hansen, had  
vowed not to fund any project which had been disapproved by the Com-  
mission of Fine Arts.

D.   Memo on Requirements for Submitting Agencies, 9 March, 1973.  
The Secretary told the Members that he had responded to their request  
to set up more formal requirements for submitting agencies. A memo  
had been sent stating exact requirements for material to be submitted  
by the various agencies and architects wishing to have their projects  
considered by the Commission of Fine Arts.



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E. Cost of Living Council Seal. The Secretary showed the Commission a photograph of the proposed seal for the Cost of Living Council. The Commission approved the design.

F. Joint Committee on Landmarks, Proposed By-Laws and New Members. The Assistant Secretary referred to copies of the by-laws and a recommended member list with biographies. The by-laws reflected the Commission's previous concern that a list of proposed members be submitted for approval. The Assistant Secretary told of the approval by the City Government and the Planning Commission. The Commission of Fine Arts added its approval of both suggested new members and the by-laws.

## II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

### A. Department of the Interior, National Park Service

Seabee Memorial, Proposed Site and Design. The Secretary presented a proposed site plan for this memorial on the edge of the Potomac River next to the Fourteenth Street Bridge and the Pentagon Basin Inlet. He showed how the large round base would flank the inlet with the existing Navy Marine Memorial and that a heroic soldier and a small boy stood in the middle of the base, backed by a bas relief depicting various Seabee activities. The Secretary indicated that the sculpture was finished. The Commission felt that both the site and the sculpture should be disapproved. The Chairman asked that the National Park Service be contacted to bring alternate location studies for an interview later in the day. Further discussion was withheld until that interview with project representatives.

### B. D.C. Government, Redevelopment Land Agency, Downtown Renewal

Mr. Sherman represented the Redevelopment Land Agency and answered several questions for the Commission Members while they re-examined models and drawings for the Downtown Urban Renewal Program. The Commission then discussed the project in Executive Session briefly. Then Mr. Sherman was told of the Commission's preliminary support of this effort at revitalizing the core of Washington. The Commission urged the G Street aspects first. They also recommended restoration of the original stairs in front of the Portrait Gallery which had been removed to widen F Street for auto traffic. The Chairman told Mr. Sherman that the proposed pedestrianization of this section of F Street was an excellent idea, but that a design solution could easily be found to accommodate the addition of the original stairs. Mr. Sherman thanked the Commission and left.

### C. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers



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1. Arlington Cemetery, Memorial Amphitheater Trophy Room - Redesign. The Secretary presented a series of drawings and material samples depicting a traditional decor with bronze cases and frames for display of memorabilia and memorials to individuals. The Members felt that the redesign was far better than its predecessor and approved the submission. The Architects were notified that no interview would be necessary. Exhibit A.

2. Shops and Storehouses Project, Dalecarlia Reservation - Reconsideration of C.F.A. Action of 21 February, 1973. The Assistant Secretary told the Commission that this project had been withdrawn.

3. U.S. Postal Service

(a.) Brookland Station - Preliminary Design. The Assistant Secretary presented a model and drawings for this small neighborhood post office. The brick structure would be placed in a primarily residential area surrounded by houses and was to be one floor with a covered walk around the sides and a trellis across the front. The Commission questioned the format of the building, but withheld further comment until an interview with project representatives.

(b.) Congress Heights Station - Preliminary Design. The Assistant Secretary presented this post office design which was identical to the previous Brookland design. Also in a residential neighborhood the design was to be site-adapted only. The Commission likewise withheld comment until later in the meeting.

D. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command

Bolling-Anacostia Air Force Base

1. Chapel Center - Revised Design. The Secretary presented drawings of a totally redesigned Chapel which had been prepared in response to the Commission's previous disapproval. The new scheme was buff brick with standing seam metal roof. The massing consisted of a square high-roofed chapel separated by a garden from office and classroom functions. The Commission approved the new design.

2. NCO Open Mess. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings for this one-floor buff brick non-commissioned officers' club. A previous submission had been incomplete - this submission was detailed. The Commission approved this building stating that all Bolling Field approvals were being made subject to approval of the base master plan by both the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.



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3. Headquarters Facility. The Assistant Secretary presented a group of drawings showing a recommended redesign of this building and a series of previous studies. The redesign accommodated the Commission's advice that the floor-to-floor scale be expressed. The Commission felt that it would be desirable to surround the building with a berm, thus eliminating expression of the basement story. Further discussion was held with project representatives later in the day.

E. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

1. Elevator System for the Handicapped - Preliminary Design. The Secretary presented drawings and a model of a small bronze elevator enclosure which would be used in conjunction with underground Metro stations to aid the handicapped. The Commission generally discussed the proposal lamenting the visual intrusions both above grade and underground on an otherwise pure design. They felt that the design of the elevator structure, however, was simple and not objectionable. They felt that specific sitings should be cleared with the Commission, however. They withheld further comment until a later meeting with Metro representatives.

2. Shelters for Bus Stops. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and a model of a twin-bubble-topped bus shelter with bronze-colored metal trim. The design was similar to an earlier disapproved scheme which had a cantilevered single-post design. The new proposal would be the same except its support was to be the glass wind screens. This would be the prototype for bus shelters throughout the system and would be built at the rate of two hundred per year for five years. The Commission approved the design. Exhibit B.

F. D.C. Government, Redevelopment Land Agency

1. Disabled American Veterans Building, 7th & Maine Avenue, S.W., Proposed Design. The Secretary presented drawings and a model for this three-floor office, meeting, and exhibition building for the Southwest Waterfront. The building was designed for an irregular site with buff brick to match the nearby buildings. The Commission examined the design, found it excellent, and approved it. Exhibit C.

2. Southwest Waterfront, Completion of "D" Deck. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and a model of this extension of the Channel Inn. The Commission felt the proposal was acceptable and approved it. Exhibit C.

G. Smithsonian Institution

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum, Exhibits Design and Production Laboratory. The Secretary told the Members that representatives from





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the Park Service would be present later in the meeting and that no new material had been received by the Staff. The primary purpose of the interview was to explain to the Commission the reasons for placing this facility on Park Land.

H. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

1. O.G. 73-79, 3050 K Street, N.W., Inland Steel Project. The Secretary explained that there was no new submission nor application pending on this project, but that the owners and the Architect had requested an interview with the Commission of Fine Arts to explain to them how they were reacting to the Commission's last action. The Commission agreed that they would accept this as information and take no action.

2. O.G. 73-92, 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W. The Assistant Secretary showed the Commission a brick sample proposed for this building, which would be a part of the Inland Project running from the Canal to the River. He advised the Commission that the Old Georgetown Board of Architects was studying the samples and that there was still no report. The Secretary pointed out that while most of the construction on the waterfront was brick, none was brown as represented by the sample. Exhibit D.

3. Appendix 1, approved.

Shipstead-Luce Act

Appendix 2, approved.

Exhibit E.

III. INTERVIEWS

A. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

U.S. Postal Service, Brookland Station and Congress Heights Station. The project was represented by the Architect, W.W. Faulkner and E. Hellman of the Corps of Engineers. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Faulkner telling him that the Commission applauded efforts at upgrading and adding amenities such as covered walks to branch post offices. Mr. Roche asked about the trellis in front of the post office, and Mr. Faulkner responded that it was to hold wisteria and cut down the scale of the building in relation to the neighboring houses. The Commission met briefly in executive session and then reported approval to the project representatives.

B. Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command



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1. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command was represented by Cdr. Boothe and Jack Dirks to whom the Chairman reported the approval of the Chapel redesign and the NCO Open Mess design. Exhibit F.

2. Headquarters Facility. A representative from the Vincent Kling architectural firm was present to receive comments that the Commission approved the redesigned facade treatment provided a berm or landscape grade cover of the ground floor could be added. The consultants and the Navy agreed that this would be possible and that details would be submitted as developed. Exhibit F.

C. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

The two Metro projects were represented by Mr. Thresher of WMATA, and Mr. Karn of Harry Weese & Associates.

1. Elevator System for the Handicapped. The Chairman reported the Commission's approval of the scheme, lamenting that the design of the stations and the above-grade locations had to be intruded upon by another mechanical element. The Commission did express its understanding of the need for the facility and expressed its hope that the height be reduced as much as possible, if only a matter of inches. With this understanding, the design was approved provided that each installation could be reviewed in the future, and that some flexibility of materials could be considered as needed.

2. Bus Stop Shelters. The Chairman expressed the Commission's approval and pleasure with the redesign of the bus shelters.

D. Smithsonian Institution

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum, Exhibits Design and Production Laboratory. The project was represented by Mr. John R. Kinard, the museum's director, Mr. Romanowski of the Park Service, and Mr. Sanders the architect. Mr. Kinard explained the needs, functions, and programs of the proposed facilities and gave justification for its location on Park land. He gave the overall context of a system of park spaces in the area and explained that the facility would serve members of the local community as well as trainees from across the nation while offering neighborhood services. The Commission thanked the project representatives and then approved the project in executive session provided some of the parking places were eliminated. Exhibit G.

E. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

O.G. 73-79, 3050 K Street, N.W. - Inland Steel project. The owner was represented by Mr. Robert Larson, the designers by Messrs Hideo Sasaki and Arthur Moore. The Old Georgetown Board was represented by







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Messrs Cox and Vanderpool. The Georgetown Citizens Association was represented by Captain Belin, Col. Evans, and Mr. Chapman.

Mr. Larson led the discussion with comments on the economic hardships being placed on Inland Steel by the multitude of delays caused by both the planning process and the courts. He stated that his hopes were to be able to resubmit this project at the Commission's next meeting with serious efforts at accommodating the previous action. Then Mr. Moore gave a slide talk on the reasons behind massing the building and the allowable versus proposed space. The Chairman thanked the project representatives for their informative presentation. No action was taken.

F. Department of the Interior, National Capital Parks

Seabees Memorial. This project was represented by Mr. Romanowski of the Park Service, Captain Williams of the Seabees, and the Sculptor, Mr. Felix deWeldon. The project representatives briefly told of their concepts in developing the proposed design. The Chairman told them of the Commission's disapproval of the site and the design of the central sculpture group. The Chairman expressed the Commission's hope that the bas relief could be combined with a suitable site.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Signed,



Charles H. Atherton  
Secretary





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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.  
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Mr. H.R. Resta, Chief  
Engineering Division  
Department of the Army  
Baltimore Division, Corps of Engineers  
Post Office Box 1715  
Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Dear Mr. Resta,

The redesigns for the interiors of the Trophy Room at Arlington Memorial Amphitheater were approved at the Commission of Fine Arts meeting on March 21.

We feel the proposed materials, all in a general gold tone, will work quite well with the existing marble and the quality of the proposed lighting.

The designs for the Hall for Medal of Honor recipients, located on the mezzanine level, was presented in sketch form, and will obviously take additional study.

We will be happy to review them at the appropriate time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman



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Maj. Gen. Jackson Graham, Director  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
950 South Building  
L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Graham,

This will confirm the Commission of Fine Arts approval on March 21 of revised designs for the bus shelters that are to be incorporated into the Metro system.

It is understood that specific site locations and designs will be submitted to the Commission for review.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit B.



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Mr. Melvin A. Mister  
Executive Director  
Redevelopment Land Agency  
1325 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mister,

This will confirm the Commission of Fine Arts approval on March 21 of designs for the completion of "D" Deck, adjacent to the Channel Inn on the Southwest Waterfront, and a design for the Disabled American Veterans Building on 7th and Maine Avenue, S.W.

The Commission requests the review of working drawings of both projects.

One small item of detail regarding the commercial facility on the waterfront - it is recommended that the glazing in the arched openings be substantially recessed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown  
Chairman



REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>                                                                                                                                                                 | <u>PROJECT</u>                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| OG 73-89   | R-2904 M Street, N.W.<br>Pierre Ganoux                                                                                                                                                   | Replace existing wood gate and fence with new wood gate and fence as per plans.                                                                                                    |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 3-8-73                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 91         | 1642 29th Street, N.W.<br>Calvin Cafritz                                                                                                                                                 | Reorganizing interior spaces; removing brick spans as shown on drawings, adding metal balcony and metal spiral stair. adding glass bay, adding masonry bay, adding roof skylights. |
| ACTION:    | No objection to design or additional studies. Request submission of final drawings for detail approval. 3-8-73                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 92         | 1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W.<br>Georgetown Inland                                                                                                                                  | Six-story office and retail building.                                                                                                                                              |
| ACTION:    | Do not issue permit. Hold for inspection of brick samples. Also furnish complete working drawings. 3-8-73                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 93         | 3236 M Street, N.W.<br>Clyde's Restaurant                                                                                                                                                | Replace front doors.                                                                                                                                                               |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 3-8-73                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 94         | 3116 M Street, N.W.<br>Marc Fleisher                                                                                                                                                     | Construction of a sign (resubmission refer OG 73-88).                                                                                                                              |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 3-2-73                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 95         | 1251 37th Street, N.W.                                                                                                                                                                   | Replace concrete entrance stoop with iron stoop.                                                                                                                                   |
| 96         | 1253 37th Street, N.W.                                                                                                                                                                   | Replace all wood siding (rotted) with 8" wood siding.                                                                                                                              |
| 97         | 1255 37th Street, N.W.<br>Georgetown University                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| ACTION:    | Do not issue permit. No objection to concept of proposals. Recommend identical sidings be used for replacement and that accurate drawings show retention of details, corner boards, etc. |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|            | No objection to cast iron stoops, but request exact details of appearance proposed. Present drawings do not show treads, risers, railings, etc. 3-8-73                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                    |





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| OG 73-98       | 3520 Prospect Street, N.W.<br>Kennedy Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Four signs totalling 22 square feet depicting the entrance and the Joseph and Rose Kennedy Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction and Bioethics. |
| <b>ACTION:</b> | Do not issue permit. No objection to grey, white and gold color scheme or letter style shown. Blocking arched windows to sides of entrance not recommended. Recommend restudying over-entrance sign in alternate location. No objection to side sign. 3-8-73                                                |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 99             | 3040 M Street, N.W.<br>Sun Down, Incorporated                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Erection of vinyl-coated fire-resistant canvas awning.                                                                                                  |
| <b>ACTION:</b> | Do not issue permit. Concept of wraparound awning not recommended. 3-8-73                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 100            | 1932 35th Street, N.W.<br>Allen I Price                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Lower grade of front yard and add new front steps.                                                                                                      |
| <b>ACTION:</b> | Do not issue permit. Proposed design not recommended. Suggest restoration of existing stoop and carefully designed grade change. 3-8-73                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                         |
| 101            | R-3106 N Street, N.W.<br>Thomas F. Hagen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Renovate existing carriage house and room above, add truss roof and construct new garage.                                                               |
| <b>ACTION:</b> | Do not issue permit. Design of proposed facility not recommended. Appearance totally out of character with original and adjacent buildings. Any further study of this project should be done in context with other structures in alley - these should be shown in good photos and accurate drawings. 3-8-73 |                                                                                                                                                         |



# REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THE SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT

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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>                                               | <u>PROJECT</u>                                                                                                                                             |
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| SL 73-37   | 51 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.<br>Acacia Life Insurance Company             | Three free-standing aluminum signs, similar to signs used by Government agencies to identify buildings, installed at entrances to GARAGE.                  |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 3-15-73                                                  |                                                                                                                                                            |
| 38         | 1231 25th Street, N.W.<br>BNA Washington                               | Six-story office building (resubmission SL 66-46).                                                                                                         |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 3-15-73                                                  |                                                                                                                                                            |
| 39         | 400 North Capitol Street, N.W.<br>400 North Capitol Street Association | Eight-story office building (resubmission refer to SL 73-8).                                                                                               |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 3-15-73                                                  |                                                                                                                                                            |
| 40         | 1 Second Street, N.E.<br>Florida House                                 | Complete interior partitioning alterations, repairs, and finishes including electric rewiring and installation of new heating and air conditioning system. |
| ACTION:    | Issue permit. 3-15-73                                                  |                                                                                                                                                            |



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Lt. Cdr. A.P. Boothe  
Department of the Navy  
Chesapeake Division  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Building 57, Washington Navy Yard  
Washington, D.C. 20390

Dear Cdr. Boothe,

This will confirm actions taken by the Commission of Fine Arts at its meeting on March 21, regarding the following projects, all of which are located at the Anacostia-Bolling Air Force Base.

- The Chapel Center was approved. Restudy by the Architect has resulted in a first-rate design, and the Architect is to be commended. The building will have dignity, a sense of identity, and should, in our opinion, satisfy all functional requirements of the program.

- The NCO Open Mess was approved. Care should be taken in details, especially in regard to mechanical equipment so that the basic simplicity of the building is not lost.

- The Headquarters Facility was generally recommended, with the provision that some additional study be given to the grading and site plan. The Architect agreed.

The above actions were made subject to a Master Plan approved by the Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for April 18, and we will be happy to review any further submissions at that time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown, Chairman

Exhibit F.



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708 JACKSON PLACE, N.W.  
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Mr. James Bradley  
Smithsonian Institution  
1000 Jefferson Drive, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20560

Dear Mr. Bradley,

This will confirm the approval of the Commission of Fine Arts on March 21 of the proposed Anacostia Neighborhood Museum Exhibits Design and Production Laboratory located on Bruce Place and Erie Street, S.E. on a corner of the Fort Drive Park System.

The approval is made with the provision that the parking be reduced by at least one-half, and that final designs and material samples be submitted for review.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown  
Chairman

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